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POLITICS

Capitol Hill faces pressure over sex abuse

Sexual abuse allegations continued to roil U.S. politics on Sunday, with Democrat Rep. John Conyers Jr. stepping down from a powerful House post and President Donald Trump again voicing support for Republican Alabama Senate candidate Roy Moore. Congressional leaders are under mounting pressure to respond swiftly to sexual misconduct allegations following an outcry from female lawmakers who believe their male colleagues are being treated more gently than offenders in the private sector.

Latest allegations: Conyers announced he was stepping down as ranking member of the House Judiciary Committee while he faces an ethics investigation into allegations he sexually harassed female staffers. Conyers, 88, has denied the allegations.

Backlash: "If you look, the media and corporate America has been firing people," Rep. Barbara Comstock, R-Va., said Sunday on ABC's "This Week," noting the swift dismissal by CBS and PBS of Charlie Rose after harassment allegations. "We have to have the same kind of standards."

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U.S. Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., denies the allegations. But he said the investigation and the allegations are a distraction to the "important" work of the House Judiciary Committee, which he noted handles civil rights cases and voters' access to the ballot box.

OREGON COAST

WINTER WORRIES FOR SEA TURTLES

Solstice, an olive ridley turtle who faced long odds of survival after being rescued off the Northwest coast in 2014, was recently released into warmer waters off the coast of San Diego after a lengthy rehab. *SeaWorld photo*

Shifting currents, storms during cold months can leave the creatures stranded on beaches

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Winter is a magical time on the Oregon coast. Tendrils of fog lace through the peaks of the coastal mountains and giant waves spray salty mist as they crash against the rocky and rugged shore.

For all its natural beauty, though, the cold months along the coastline of the Pacific Northwest can be a dangerous place for sea turtles.

Oceanic testudines prefer warm water, but shifting currents and storms, common in the winter months, can push them north, out of their comfort zones and into the cold waters off the Oregon coast. As their internal temperature drops, they lose the ability to swim and eat.

Two of the most common turtles that wind up in trouble along the Oregon coast, Pacific green sea turtles and olive ridley sea turtles, are protected by the Endangered Species Act.

Turtles who find themselves in such a predicament can end up stranded on beaches. The outlook for these wayward and helpless creatures is often bleak.

But it needn't be so, said Jim Burke, director of Animal Husbandry at the Oregon Coast Aquarium.

SEE TURTLE, A3

How to help

If you find a distressed turtle on the beach, call the Oregon State Police Tipline at 800-452-7888 or the Marine Mammal Stranding Network at 866-767-6114.

Northwest herds

After a tough winter last year, deer and elk hunts are being limited in Western states. **A2**

NATION

FBI quiet on hacking effort

An AP investigation finds that the FBI failed to notify scores of U.S. officials that Russian hackers were trying to break into their personal Gmail accounts despite having evidence for at least a year. **A4**

BUSINESS

Black Friday seen as success

With low expectations and simplified promotions, brick-and-mortar retailers did enough things right on Black Friday to consider the event a success, even if the crowds of past years haven't returned. **A5**

LIVING

Miss Universe is crowned

This year's honor goes to Demi-Leigh Nel-Peters, who represented South Africa at Sunday night's competition in Las Vegas. The runners-up were Miss Colombia and Miss Jamaica. **A7**

SPORTS

What's next for the Ducks?

It looks like Oregon has a lot of work ahead after Oklahoma's 90-80 win in a consolation game Sunday at the PK80 Invitational, the home-state tournament honoring Nike co-founder Phil Knight. **B1**

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